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Prostitution blitz by cops continues

CRIME The Halifax Regional Police-RCMP Integrated Vice Unit arrested two men Tuesday night through the use of an undercover female officer.

A 27-year-old from Dartmouth and a 53-year-old from Stewiacke were each charged with communicating for the purpose of prostitution as a result of the operation in the Windmill Road area of Dartmouth. Both will appear in court at a later date.

The two arrests make it three by the Vice Unit in less than a week. Last Friday morning, a 26-year-old woman was charged for communicating for the purpose of prostitution on Agricola Street in Halifax.

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Riding the Recession

Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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• Some film suggestions to take your mind off financial problems.



Police and paramedics gather outside Albertville-Realschule, where a shooting incident took place in Winnenden, Germany, yesterday. A gunman killed nine students and three teachers at the school, as well as one person at a nearby clinic. In a shoot-out with police, two additional passers-by were killed, bringing the total death toll to 16 including the gunman, a police spokesperson said.

Teen kills 15 in school attack

GERMANY A 17-year-old in black combat gear killed 15 people in southwest Germany yesterday in a shooting spree that started at his former school.

The gunman, identified by police as Tim Kretschmer, entered the school in the town of Winnenden at about 9.30 a.m. and began firing with a 9-mm Beretta pistol at students in a classroom.

He killed nine students, including eight teenage

girls, and three women later teachers, as well as one person in front of a clinic opposite the school, before fleeing with a hostage in a car hijacked at a local supermarket.

Police said most of the victims at the Albertville-Realschule had been shot in the head and a further seven pupils, all female, were injured.

The gunman died hours



Tim Kretschmer

in a shoot-out in Wendlingen, some 30 kilometres from the school, after killing two men in a car dealership. Those killings brought the death toll to 16, including the gunman, who police believe shot himself.

Chancellor Angela Merkel called it a day of mourning for all of Germany.

REUTERS

Stimulus scramble

Province adds \$1.4B to debt, \$1B goes to roads

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The province will spend \$800 million in stimulus over the next three years, but put \$1.4 billion onto the debt.

Despite the large numbers there were no specifics on any spending during Premier Rodney MacDonald's economic stimulus announcement yesterday morning at a breakfast speech to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce. The new money was lumped into \$1.1 billion of "usual capital spending" that totals \$1.9 billion and will create or maintain 20,000 jobs, according to the government.

"In the days and weeks ahead we'll be outlining more specifics," MacDonald told reporters. "We're going to be investing more in schools, we're going to be investing more in hospitals, more in renovations." MacDonald said his government would not be running a deficit next year, despite adding to the debt. This is because the stimulus funding will appear as capital costs, rather than as part of the operating budget.

Investment:

\$800	million stimulus
\$1.1	billion usual spending
\$1.9	billion total

Priorities of the stimulus plan include \$1 billion for roads, \$430 million for schools and IT, \$380 million for health and safe communities, \$50 million for energy conservation and \$40 million for tourism, culture and heritage.

The cancelling of paying off debt and lack of details drew ire from opposition parties.

"What he didn't say was that a \$1.4-billion addition to the debt would mean somewhere in the area of \$100 million in additional

spending on interest," said NDP Leader Darrell Dexter.

Both the NDP and Liberals say they expect MacDonald to move around the province announcing the details separately in

the lead-up to an election. Dexter called on the premier to instead recall the legislature to debate the plan.

Liberal MLA Diana Whalen was dismayed to see 20 times more funding for roads than green initiatives

"A pittance is mentioned in today's announcement (about it)," she said. "And that is the economy and the jobs of the future."

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Flagstone may hire 80 new employees

Nova Scotia's first international financial services company is renewing its commitment to Nova Scotia. It was announced yesterday that Flagstone Reinsurance has signed a \$1.3-million payroll rebate with Nova Scotia Business Inc. Flagstone could create as many as 80 new jobs over the next three years. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Local

**Smith to open for k.d. Lang**

Halifax's Meaghan Smith, left, has been named the opening act for k.d. Lang's concert tour through Atlantic Canada next month. Lang is playing at the Halifax Metro Centre on Thursday, April 16. Smith is kicking off a North American tour in support her latest album, *The Cricket's Quartet*, on April 7.

METRO HALIFAX

Schools waiting for funding

Province's stimulus plan does not promise any more for universities

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Universities didn't get the money they wanted at yesterday's stimulus announcement from the province, but they were given reason for optimism.

The federal government recently announced a \$2-billion fund for universities, but provinces have to match funding to access it.

There was no mention of doing that yesterday, but Premier Rodney MacDonald said that doesn't mean they're not going to.

"There will be an appropriate day and appropriate time to talk about those investments," he said. "But today's announcement was about government-owned capital projects."

Peter Halpin, executive director of the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents, said he was hoping to see matching funding yesterday. But be-



Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald speaks with reporters yesterday morning at the Delta Hotel in Halifax after announcing \$800 million in new spending to help stimulate the provincial economy.

cause the details of the fund only came out this week he wasn't worried.

"I think the key thing was the mention of looking at investment in post-

secondary education outside of what was announced this morning," he said.

The Halifax Chamber of Commerce also had some

mixed feelings on the stimulus plan. The chamber has long been a vocal advocate for paying down debt. But chamber president Valerie Payne reluc-

tantly accepted reversing that policy to pay for more stimulus projects.

"The finest economists in the world cannot figure out what's the right number, what's the right time span that we're talking here. So I can't comment. It seems reasonable," Payne said about adding \$1.4 billion to the province's debt.

She said she was comforted by the province's plan to keep debt-to-GDP rates steady.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees had less kind words, calling yesterday the Seinfeld of announcements because it was "a budget about nothing."

"The people of Nova Scotia should be quite concerned that this far into an economic downturn, the leader of our province still refuses to give specific details about his plans to stimulate the economy," CUPE Nova Scotia president Danny Cavanagh said.

Cops seek three suspects in robbery

BREAK-IN Halifax Regional Police is on the lookout for three people who broke into an apartment on the 6,000 block of Cedar Street in Halifax on Tuesday night and stole computer equipment.

The break-in took place around 9:30 p.m. The occupants fled the apartment after the suspects broke in and neighbours called police. Two of the suspects had firearms, and all three left on foot.

They are described as white males who were all wearing hoodies during the break-in. Two of the males are about five-foot-nine with the other described at about six-foot-three.

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Suspicious cabin fire investigated

DESTROYED The Halifax RCMP is investigating a suspicious fire from last weekend that destroyed a cottage/cabin located on Lewis Lake off the St. Margarets Bay Road.

The fire started late Saturday night. A cottage owner in the area noticed the fire around 11 p.m. and was unable to extinguish it. The cottage was completely destroyed and RCMP and HRM Fire Services are treating the case as suspicious.

Anyone with information is asked to call the RCMP, Halifax Regional Police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Fenwick Place might become luxury pad

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APARTMENTS The Maritimes' tallest eyesore may be converted into luxury apartments.

Fenwick Place is 33 storeys of student housing owned by Dalhousie University in Halifax's south end. Templeton

Properties is the winning bidder for the 250-unit building, and it wants to convert it into luxury apartments.

Joe Metlege with Templeton Properties told CBC Fenwick could be the most desirable address in Nova Scotia because of its

Myths about building

According to Wikipedia, a number of myths surround Fenwick Place, the 33-storey tower built in 1971:

- The top two floors were supposed to house a swimming pool but it was too expensive to get water up there.

height. Part of the building's exterior would be encased in aluminum and glass, and extra bathrooms and other upgrades would be made to the units.

"Other than to see explosives, I'm stunned and pleased," said Northwest Arm-South End Coun. Sue Uteck.

"Fenwick has become, particularly over the past five or six years, an issue of concern for the neighbourhood with the deteriorating state of the build-

- Some of the bedrooms are windowless.
- That the building sways in the wind (so much so, water sloshes in the toilets), but in reality it sways less than required in building code regulations.

ing."

She added that restoration over demolition would be a "win-win" for neighbours who wouldn't have to put up with construction starting from scratch.

Alex Reede, a resident of Fenwick Place and third-year Dalhousie student, said it would be an end of an era.

"I'm from Truro and I had some friends whose parents even lived here," he said.

At capacity Fenwick can

house 425 students, but there's nowhere near that number living there now, said Charles Crosby, spokesman for Dalhousie University.

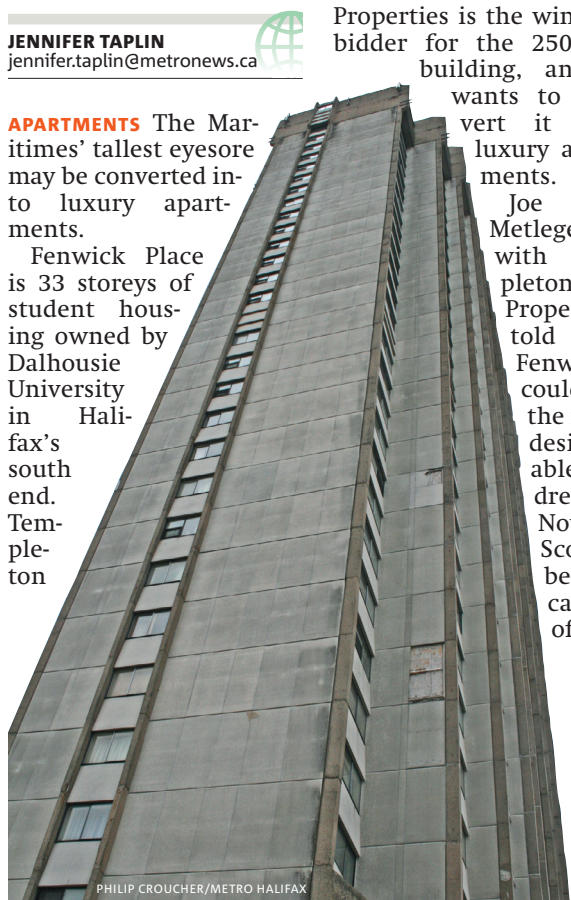
A number of Fenwick residents left at Christmas to look for other accommodations, and most students who live there are older and close to graduating. The rest, he said, want apartment-style living and will find something comparable elsewhere.

"There's a vacancy rate right now so it's a matter of these folks finding a good match, and a number of them have been pounding the pavement for the last little while for the right place."

Crosby said there are a few details to be worked out, like an engineer's report, before the building is technically sold to Templeton Properties.

"We're looking at having something in place by the summer," he said.

Fenwick Place, the tallest building in the Maritimes, may be converted into luxury apartments. The property manager who is in talks with Dalhousie University to buy it, wants to upgrade the building.



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What's online today.

Video A Manitoba man whose murder conviction was overturned fights to clear his name at metronews.ca/canada

Blogs Brian Coulton kicks off Metro's coverage of Canadian Music Week

Video Colleagues remember award-winning CP photographer Tom Hanson at metronews.ca/canada

Lotteries

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HRP offer public chance to learn about policing

The Halifax Regional Police is hosting a Citizens' Police Academy for the public to learn about policing and the role it plays. The academy will be held at HRP's Dartmouth location on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for six weeks beginning March 25. To register contact Sherry Burns at 490-6976 or at burnsh@halifax.ca. **METRO HALIFAX**

Canada, Cape Town face-to-face

Acting styles fuse in story of search for community, ancestors

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax



Africa is coming to Neptune's Studio Theatre this month, with the South African-Canadian collaboration Ubuntu: The Cape Town Project. The play tells the story of a young man who leaves the black townships in search of the father who abandoned him for Canada 20 years ago.

"It's about the secrets he unearths. 'Ubuntu' is about community and how we connect to our ancestors," explains Daryl Cloran. The *Drum!* director says the fusion of theatrical methods makes for dynamic story telling.

"The style of theatre in South Africa is really physical; we thought we could learn a lot from the performers," he says. "English-Canadian theatre tradition is very literate, very text-based. It's kitchen-sink drama, where as the style of theatre in the

Performances

- **Ubuntu:** The Cape Town Project is at Neptune's Studio Theatre from Friday until March 29. Tickets start at \$15. Call 429-7070 or go to Neptunetheatre.com for more information.

black townships is with the body first.”

Cloran travelled to Cape Town in 2004 to recruit actors for the show. When the production finally came to Toronto earlier this year, it was the first time many of the actors had travelled abroad.

"As exciting as it is to go to someone else's country, it's also great to see your country through a visitor's eyes," Cloran said. "Their first impression was how ridiculously safe it was here."

In South Africa, Cloran, like everyone else, stayed in a house protected by barbed-wire. Andile Nebulane, who stars as Jabba,

was late for the first rehearsals after getting stabbed outside the theatre.

The chaotic, perilous existence in South Africa con-

trasts with the serene security in Canada in some of the play's more dramatic scenes as Jabba makes his way from Africa to Canada.

Ubuntu illustrates this by mixing music with dance and winding North American narrative through South African myth.



Holly Lewis wrestles Andile Nebulane to the ground in a scene from *Ubuntu: The Cape Town Project*, which officially opens at Neptune's Studio Theatre tomorrow.

Port to welcome two-millionth visitor this year

MILESTONE The Port of Halifax announced yesterday that a major milestone is happening during this year's cruise season as they welcome the two-millionth visitor to the city port.

The Port of Halifax has been operating since 1980.

"Between 1980 and 2004, Halifax welcomed one million cruise passengers," Cathy McGrail, manager of cruise development for the Halifax Port Authority said in a release. "Being able to mark the two-millionth passenger this summer is an exciting milestone for Halifax."

The 2009 cruise season kicks off on May 15 with 124 vessels carrying about 230,000 passengers expected to arrive by the time the last ship calls on Nov. 5.

Other highlights include the arrival of the second largest ship ever built by the Cunard Line, the Queen Victoria, which is making its inaugural visit to the city, and a record single-day in October when more than 10,000 cruise passengers are to be in port.

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A word cloud featuring various tax-related terms in different sizes and shades of blue. The terms include: Public Transit Tax Credit, Pension Income Splitting, Basic Personal Amount, Working Income Tax Benefit, Apprenticeship Incentive Grant, Tradesperson's Tools Deduction, Children's Fitness Tax Credit, and Pension Income Splitting. At the bottom of the image, the top of a person's head and their hands are visible, appearing to interact with or support the word cloud. The person's hands are positioned near the bottom right, with fingers slightly spread. The overall composition suggests a focus on financial planning or tax advice.



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Province shells out \$50K for Recreation for All foundation

The province announced yesterday a \$50,000 contribution to establish the Recreation for All foundation. The foundation is expected to help build healthy communities and improve quality of life through assistance to volunteers, groups and communities who increase access to quality recreation programs and services. **METRO HALIFAX**

Hills were alive with skiers

The ski industry has been anything but downhill this winter in central Nova Scotia.

"It's been a real good season," Ski Wentworth general manager Leslie Wilson said. "We are, depending on

Trails

• The hill in the Valley of Snow opened for the season Dec. 23 and the weather has co-operated for the past two and a half months. As of Tuesday, there were 22 trails open with a base of three to four feet of snow.

how March break goes, on track to have one of our best seasons in the last 10 years."

Wilson said consistent is the best word to describe the season and weather.

"Basically, we've had some early cold weather

followed by some snow and that gave us excellent conditions," she said. "February was wonderful, almost the entire month we really only had one rain ... We haven't had the big thaws and the spikes in the weather."

So far, the hill has received 218 centimetres of snow during the season. The south side of the hill, comprised completely of natural snow, has been open for a month and a half.

It's almost a throwback of sorts.

"It feels like a normal, traditional winter where the snow would come and would stick around," Wilson said.

TRURO DAILY NEWS



Students walk into Cole Harbour District High School yesterday hours after the fire alarm was pulled. Police officers were at the school yesterday to stop a rumoured fight. Students were evacuated to a nearby soccer field.

Rumoured fight fizzles

Police step in as Cole Harbour students evacuated

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"It's not surprising ... It's like an everyday thing seeing fights between people."

Cole Harbour Grade 12 student

Rumours of a fight didn't materialize, but it was a stressful day at Cole Harbour District High School yesterday.

It all started about 10:30 a.m., said RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Joe Taplin.

"There were two groups of individuals who were staring each other down," he said. "Rumours started that there was going to be a fight that took place."

A student, who wouldn't give her name, said a male from Cole Harbour and an-

other from Eastern Passage wanted to scrap.

A few extra RCMP officers headed to the school as a precaution. When the fire alarm was pulled at 11:10 a.m., police called for back-up.

"This is when our officers and teachers started hearing that this is when the fight was going to take place," Taplin said.

The 1,000 students in the school were evacuated to a

nearby soccer field.

A student who spoke to Metro yesterday said there was a skirmish on the field that police quickly broke up. Taplin said there was a lot of talking, but no physical altercation.

"There was one student that was quite agitated over the whole situation," Taplin said. "He was arrested and detained for about five minutes and then brought back into the school and school

officials will be dealing with him."

Several officers stayed at the school after classes resumed.

"It kind of sucks," said the Grade 12 student. "It's not surprising because we're kind of used to it by now — this is our third year in the school. It's like an everyday thing seeing fights between people."

She said it has come to the point where she doesn't want to come back to the school.

"It's Grade 12 and we want to enjoy the year and we want it to be memorable, just not this way."

Trenton supports study for merger

Trenton council threw its full support behind a new amalgamation study for Pictou County — with a few conditions.

The study was suggested by Westville town council, with a

promise from the province to pick up the tab for an independent body to complete a look into the feasibility of amalgamation and shared services.

However, Trenton's letter of support for the

project will outline its own wishes: That the study also includes a look at shared services between the four upriver towns, the five towns or all six municipalities.

"Yes, there have been other studies done, but it's been at least 10 years since the last one was done," said Mayor Glen MacKinnon, who added that council was interested in seeing the results of the study and then potentially bringing it to Trenton residents as a plebiscite during the 2012 elections.

"I think we need to work together to get as many shared services as we can," MacKinnon said.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

News in brief

CHARGES Two males and one female were charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking after the Honda Civic they were in was pulled over on Woodlawn Road in Dartmouth Tuesday night. Two males, aged 17 and 29, and a 24-year-old female were taken into custody after a quantity of marijuana and drug paraphernalia was seized from the vehicle. All three will appear in court at a later date.

ARREST Three adult males were arrested and will appear in court at a later date on charges of possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking. The drug unit, with the assistance of the central quick response unit, executed a search warrant at a rooming house at the 6,200 block of North Street in Halifax. Seized was marijuana, cash, scales and other drug paraphernalia.

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Canada



Transat posts \$29M loss

Transat AT Inc., parent company of Air Transat, said yesterday it sold more travel packages, but increased competition led to lower prices and smaller margins from its North American operations, helping push the Canadian holiday travel company to a first-quarter loss of \$29.4 million. **REUTERS**

Vancouver to close streets in more than 650 city blocks

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada



OLYMPICS People should walk, bike and use public transit during the 2010 Games, Olympic organizers said yesterday as they unveiled their plan to reduce the number of vehicles on Vancouver streets by 30 to 40 per cent.

The transportation plan includes road closures, parking and turning restrictions, pedestrian malls and dedicated Olympic lanes that

"Athletes have come here to compete, not to commute."

Penny Ballem said transportation during the Games would not be business as usual, but rather, "business unusual."

Organizers have to shuffle more than 5,000 athletes and officials, 10,000 media, 55,000 workers and about 200,000 spectators between 65 venues.

"Athletes have come here to compete, not to commute," Ballem said.

VANCOUVER
2010 Games

Man survives Niagara fall

An American man survived a fall over Niagara's Horseshoe Falls and became just the second person to live through an unaided and intentional plunge over the massive cataract, Canadian police said yesterday.

Around mid-afternoon, police said they received a call from a tourist who saw a man climb over a retaining wall and jump into the Niagara River before being swept over the roaring 51-metre waterfall.

"All indications at this point in the investigation

Daring rescue

• A helicopter was used to create a current that took him to near the shore. Rescue workers in a boat then plucked him from the water.

• Niagara Parks Police said the man had severe hypothermia, a large wound to his head and the force of the water ripped off his clothes. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

lead us to believe that he did so on of his own accord and it was of that nature," said a spokesperson for the Niagara Parks Police.

The man was being treated in a Niagara Falls, Ont., hospital and police said an investigation was under

way.

The Horseshoe Falls, one of the world's most popular tourist attractions, sends about 675,000 gallons of water over its edge per second. It is one of two massive waterfalls, along with the American Falls, that span

the the U.S.-Canada border.

Decades ago, daredevils would tempt fate and go over the Horseshoe Falls in barrels or other protective devices — often without much luck. That is now an illegal stunt that can result in a fine or jail time.

In 2003, another U.S. tourist survived an unaided plunge over the Horseshoe Falls in an attempt at suicide.

A young boy also survived a fall over the cataract in 1960 after the boat he was in capsized. **REUTERS**

Atheist ads to run in Ottawa

REPORT Atheist ads will be running on Ottawa buses.

City council voted 13-7 yesterday to allow ads, which read: "There's probably no God, now stop worrying and enjoy your life," on OC Transpo buses.

Humanist Association of Ottawa member Simon Pacher called the decision a great victory for those who care about free speech.

"We've struggled for decades in this country for the freedom of expression," he said. **REUTERS**

Blame it on daylight saving

REPORT If you've fallen asleep at your desk this week or felt like a bag of rocks getting out of bed in the morning, blame daylight saving time, Toronto sleep experts say.

"We already live in a time famine era," says Dr. Harvey Moldofsky at the Centre for Sleep and Chronobiology. "Throw in that extra hour and you're just tipping the balance. Your ability to work efficiently and drive safely is going to be affected."

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News in brief

CUSTODY A Quebec woman has no legal right to the child she paid a surrogate to carry for her, a judge has ruled, leaving the child without a legal mother. After the child was born, the surrogate gave up her legal claim to the baby. The couple went to court to adopt the child.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Wealthy Canadians Guy Laliberte, from left, Galen Weston, Jean Coutu and Paul Desmarais. Most billionaires have taken a big hit to their personal wealth due to the global recession. Laliberte is one of only 44 billionaires in the world to see their personal wealth grow in the last year. Coutu, worth \$1.4 billion last year, is one of five Canadians to fall off the list of the world's billionaires.

Billionaires not immune to economic crisis

ECONOMY Amid a global recession, the world's billionaires have been shorn of shockingly huge chunks of their net worth, while others are no longer billionaires at all. And the few Canadians among them have not been spared.

According to Forbes magazine, which unveiled its annual compilation of billionaires last night, 355 of the world's ultra-rich dropped off the rarefied list, including four from Canada and media mogul Ted

Stock collapse

• The list of billionaires shrunk because most, like Jean Coutu who fell off the list, have their wealth tied up in the plummeting stock markets.

Rogers, who died last year.

It's the first time since 2003 that the number of billionaires shrank.

There are 793 billionaires in the world, compared with 1,125 last year. In

Canada, where there were 25 in 2008, just 20 remain, and they lost a collective \$29.4 billion.

Topping Canada's list this year was the Thomson family, involved in media ventures and information distribution company Thomson Reuters, with a net worth of \$13 billion, significantly down from last year's estimate of \$18.9 billion.

Next is Galen Weston of food giants George Weston Ltd. and Loblaw Co. Ltd., with a net worth of \$5 bil-

lion. That's down from last year's total of \$7 billion. The Irving family of Saint John, N.B., owners of oil, forestry and newspaper companies, came in third at \$3.9 billion, down from \$6.7 billion.

Montreal's Paul Desmarais, head of Power Corp., and Guy Laliberte, founder and owner of the famous Cirque du Soleil, rounded out the top five.

Laliberte was one of just 44 in the world whose net worth increased in the last year. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Sri Lanka another Rwanda?

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Peking Man might be older, experts say

A new and more accurate dating method shows Peking Man may be 200,000 years older than what experts previously thought, researchers in China said. The bones of a Homo erectus commonly known as Peking Man were believed to be 750,000 years old. **REUTERS**

World



Lincoln's watch bears secret message

A gold watch owned by Abraham Lincoln bears a message marking the start of the U.S. Civil War, but the president never knew of the "secret" inscription uncovered on Tuesday at the National Museum of American History. The engraving, by watchmaker Jonathan Dillon, is dated April 13, 1861, and reads in part: "Fort Sumpter was attacked by the rebels" and "thank God we have a government."

REUTERS

Over 1,000 cops have records, report says

U.K. More than 1,000 serving police officers in Britain have criminal records, figures obtained under freedom of information laws showed yesterday.

Five of these officers were reinstated by the Home Office after being sacked by their local forces.

More than half the convictions were for speeding, drunk-driving or other motoring offences, according to the figures obtained by the Liberal Democrats from 41 of Britain's 52 police forces.

Another 210 officers have been dismissed or been required to resign in the past five years because of their criminal convictions.

Liberal Democrat Home Affairs spokesperson Chris Huhne said officers convicted of violence or dishonesty should be dismissed immediately.

"A serving police officer is expected by members of the public to be self controlled and self restrained in the use of force," Huhne told BBC television.

The Association of Chief Police Officers said there were more than 140,000 officers in Britain and that it was very rare for anyone with a criminal conviction to be recruited. **REUTERS**

Dalai Lama urges common sense

SERMON A day after he slammed China for causing untold suffering in Tibet, the Dalai Lama yesterday said he still believed the future was bright and hoped the Chinese leadership would use more common sense.

A day after the 50th anniversary of the failed Tibetan uprising against China, when the 73-year-old spiritual leader lamented that Tibet had become a "hell on earth," the Dalai Lama said he was cheered by signs of support among the Chinese people. **REUTERS**

Motive still unknown

Authorities search for reason behind Alabama shooting

Authorities grappled yesterday for the reason a 27-year-old Alabama man shot dead 10 people, including his mother, before killing himself after a gun battle with police and a car chase down a rural highway.

Michael McLendon, who lived with his mother, killed five of his victims in Tuesday's shooting spree at a mobile home in Samson, in southeastern Alabama, according to a local coroner and Wyn-

Rampage

The shooting spree began in Kinston, a small town in Coffee County, and continued to Samson, where Michael McLendon killed his grandmother, uncle

nton Melton, mayor of nearby Geneva.

The victims at the mobile home included the wife of a local deputy sheriff and her child. He also killed two people at a

convenience store and a man in a pickup truck who died during a car chase as McLendon apparently fired at random, said Melton.

"We sent 11 bodies to

Montgomery (the state capital)," said Robert Preachers, the coroner in neighbouring Coffee County who said he knew most of the victims including the killer.

"He (McLendon) was a nice quiet kid, no trouble. He was always polite and nice," Preachers said.

Asked about a possible motive behind the shooting spree, Preachers said: "He carried it with him to the grave."

REUTERS

Activists detained before protest

TURMOIL Pakistani authorities banned protests and rounded up hundreds of activists yesterday, a day before a rally by lawyers and opposition parties that could destabilize a fragile, year-old government.

The protest is one more problem for the civilian government led by President Asif Ali Zardaris Pakistan People's Party (PPP) that is struggling with economic and security crises.

Pakistan is seen as vital to U.S. efforts to stabilize Afghanistan and defeat al Qaeda. The U.S. wants to see it focus on fighting militancy. **REUTERS**

Sri Lanka Deadly attack



A boy, right, performs during the Muslim festival Mawlid, the birthday of Mohammed, the instance a bomb exploded in Akuressa, Sri Lanka, Tuesday. A suicide bomber killed 14 people and wounded 35. The government suspects rebel Tamil Tiger forces are behind the attack.

Obama signs disputed funding legislation

POLITICS U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday signed a \$410-billion US bill to fund most government operations through Sept. 30, but warned the U.S. Congress must stop jamming spending bills with lawmakers' pet projects.

"Let there be no doubt: this piece of legislation must mark an end to the old way of doing business, and the beginning of a new era of responsibility and accountability," Obama said in discussing his decision to sign the con-

troversial measure.

Obama outlined a plan that would enable lawmakers to continue to earmark spending with a "legitimate and worthy public purpose," but would make the process more transparent and offer opportunities for public feedback before approval.

Arizona Senator John McCain, a critic of pet spending projects, dismissed Obama's comments, calling them "his usual excellent rhetoric" but said the message was "toothless." **REUTERS**

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A stink-eye view of 'I do'

Relating

Andrea Woo

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There is a quaintness to the idea of settling down — getting married, breeding little humans and feeding them things you cooked with your own two hands — but at present, it strikes fear into the core of my being, like a death grip of domesticity threatening the sanctity of all things exciting.

Perhaps it is the unspoken agreement to take on a life more muted, or the commitment to one person when emotions have proven

themselves fleeting and relationships can go sideways by sundown. Perhaps it's the utter selflessness required to be a good wife and mother, or the terror of molding another human being from infancy through adolescence, hoping the final product isn't some warped creation I'd rather not put my name to.

Maybe it's the sheer horror of putting one's heart on the line only to have it be smashed to smithereens, fragments of a broken

relationship soaking lifelessly in a thick pool of desolation and ruin. The important thing is,

I'm not being dramatic about it.

According to a recent article by Matthew Fitzgerald — an askmen.com relationship

columnist and author of the completely unbiased and sophisticatedly titled Sex-Ployation: How Women Use Their Bodies and Extort Money from Men — men fear commitment for reasons such as: "We've been burned before," "no more freedom" and "the emotional baggage."

(There were probably more, but the tedium of it all lulled me into a deep and immediate slumber.)

The most glaring oversight in Fitzgerald's list is it's entirely applicable to both sexes, but while commitment-phobes with the XY chromosomes can typically live pretty well during a stretch of extended

bachelor-dom, their female counterparts are often pre-

sented with a secondary set of worries.

These include a smaller window of fertility for those who want children and everything from the social stigma of being a single, middle-age woman to some very tangible disparities that affect quality of life. (Women in Canada, for example, earn just 70 per cent of what men do and can struggle financially remaining unhitched.)

So while there's no shortage of women who "look at marriage through Cinderella eyes," as Fitzgerald so astutely states, it should also be noted there is no shortage of those who view it with a pronounced stink-eye.

In a chilly world frosted with uncertainty, men aren't the only ones with cold feet.

Andrea Woo is a Vancouver-based news and entertainment reporter. She won this column in a carnival dart game.

Views

You can't budget love, bad economy or not

ModernLife

Georgie Binks

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Imagine this — a van idles nearby Toronto's boardwalk. Inside, a tiny lantern glows with candlelight, a homemade CD of romantic tunes fills the air as two people slurp takeout ravioli and gaze lovingly at each other. After dinner, they stroll the frozen beach dipping their boots into the lake. The rest of the world is dressed up in its loveliest finery eating fancy food, but the financially challenged are enjoying the inexpensive, but romantic "car party."

Should romance suffer just because your wallet is light? In fact, couples may find things a lot more romantic if they have to start

"Couples may find things a lot more romantic if they have to start creating their own romance."

creating their own romance. After all, big spending doesn't equal great love. In fact, when money starts to disappear, the inventive spirit kicks in. Romantic picnics in front of the fireplace, walks in the moonlight, breakfast in bed, all beat food with weird names served by out-of-work actors every time.

With that in mind, you'd hope the princesses of romance, this year's prospective brides, would be crocheting romantic table centrepieces and engraving their own invitations to save some money. Surprisingly, in a Wedding Bells magazine survey released earlier this month, 62 per cent of brides refused to compromise on reception catering, while 46 per cent weren't budging on the dress or the honeymoon.

Those ladies are also heading into talks with the government about the auto industry's future later this month. My parents had a tiny wedding, no engagement ring, bed-and-breakfast honeymoon and will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

Money won't buy romance and if you've ever been through a divorce, you'll know arguing over it can sure kill memories of it fast. Hoping it might find you some new romance? Well, good luck. Naïve visitors to Internet dating sites in their earliest incarnation quickly learned big dinner/rosettes dates were a dud, after a series of one-night dinner stands. Potential suitors soon switched to coffee dates.

It's more likely you'll have romance with your garage mechanic during that next oil change. For free, why not create your own romantic moments with the garage mechanic? Replace that expensive dinner date out with your childhood fave "Birthday Party casserole" served on a tray attached to Scruffy? Instead of expensive concerts, borrow your kid's Guitar Hero for romantic music. Pull out your high school poetry. Gaze at the stars.

OK, I'm out. Now that I think of it, I hope this recession ends fast. A girl can only create so much homemade romance.

Riding the Recession

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Letters

Objection to Li ruling

The family of a man who was beheaded on a Greyhound bus says his killer is "getting away with murder." I totally agree.

Vince Li committed the act, but the court ruled Li did not appreciate the act he committed was morally wrong.

Do we as a Canadian society care about what this monster appreciates?

Let us as a society care for the brokenhearted family and for safe public spaces.

SUSANNE TREICHEL, MISSISSAUGA

Adopt from animal shelters, not puppy breeders

Re: Beware bad breeders (March 6-8).

While I sympathize with Michelle Dean's puppy tribulations, and strongly admire her for staying the course, people looking for a companion animal might do well to check their local animal shelter.

Rather than patronizing a pet store or breeder, adopting

one of these shelter animals can literally save that animal's life.

Shelters usually even have a selection of purebreds, if that's what you're looking for.

MICHAEL HAYWARD, TORONTO

Canadians are peacekeepers

Re: Canada to acquire attack drones: General (March 5).

The federal government has plans for a \$500-million defence program to purchase the next generation of armed unmanned aircraft.

These would be similar to the U.S. Predator, pilotless planes that killed innocents as well as insurgents in Pakistan, through Hellfire missile strikes.

For decades, Canada was the world's number one provider of peacekeeping soldiers to the United Nations. But today, Canada's contribution is fewer than 100 soldiers.

What role do we want our military to play in the world? Is spending half a billion dollars on "killer drones" the best use of taxpayers' money? For those proud of Canada's peacekeeping tradition, the answer is a resounding no.

LARRY KAZDAN, VANCOUVER

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Apple rolls out smaller, talking iPod Shuffle

Apple Inc. introduced a smaller version of its iPod Shuffle music player yesterday with a new feature that tells the user what song is playing. The new VoiceOver feature announces songs and playlists to users in 14 different languages, according to Apple, whose shares rose 4.5 per cent. **REUTERS**

Business

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IMF warns of trouble ahead

Canada's economy to get worse before it gets better, fund says

Canada's economic output "is likely to contract significantly in the near term" before recovering as government stimulus starts to gain traction, the International Monetary Fund warned yesterday.

Canada is "better placed than many countries to weather the global financial turbulence," the IMF said, citing the country's low debt-to-GDP ratio, stable banking system and the fiscal stimulus in the federal budget.

But the IMF also warned "downside risks predominate, including negative spillovers if the global environment worsens more than expected."

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International Monetary Fund

The IMF's most recent projection sees the Canadian economy shrinking by 1.2 per cent this year, before rebounding by 1.6 per cent in 2010.

Also yesterday, a briefing note from the office of the parliamentary budget watchdog, Kevin Page, warned the economy is weaker than suggested by inflation-adjusted GDP, which measures the total value of goods and services produced in the country

and is often used to gauge Canada's fortunes.

Last week, Statistics Canada reported Canada's real GDP contracted at an annualized rate of 3.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2008, compared with the previous quarter. On that basis, Canada fared better than many other industrialized countries.

But Page's report said a better indicator of Canada's economic fortunes is real gross domestic in-

come, or GDI, which captures the purchasing power of income that is created in Canada and accounts for changes in prices of exports relative to imports.

"As a ... commodity net exporter, Canada's economic performance is more dependent on foreign demand and commodity prices, which have both weakened significantly in the second half of 2008," the note said.

Canada's real GDI fell by an annualized rate of 15.3 per cent in the fourth quarter from the previous three months, far steeper than the 1.5 per cent drop in the U.S., the report said.

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France Tire sites hit hard



Employees at the Continental tire factory in Clairoux gather in the courtyard yesterday after announcements that the company will cut nearly 2,000 jobs and close production at two high-cost European tire manufacturing sites amid a severe crisis in the auto industry.

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The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Clarke loses \$124.1M: Clarke Inc. reported a net loss of \$124.1 million in 2008, compared to net income of \$64 million in 2007. The main reason for the decline was the non-cash, other-than-temporary impairment charge of \$146.9 million, before taxes, taken on Clarke's portfolio of marketable securities as a result of the current financial crisis.

Super 8 hotels awarded: Three Super 8 hotels in the management portfolio of Halifax's Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. were presented with Super 8 Worldwide Awards of Excellence at the international brand conference last month in Orlando, Fla. Teams at the Super 8 in Langley, B.C., Barrie, Ont., and Calgary-Shawnessy all won awards.

Union bid close but fails: Almost half of those who voted in a union drive at the Municipality of Cumberland County were in favour of the union, but were unsuccessful in their bid. The votes were counted Monday, with 11 voting against and eight voting for.

GM workers approve concessions

VOTE Facing a dim future and the prospect of closure, General Motors workers in Canada have overwhelmingly accepted concessions that will freeze their wages and increase the costs of benefits until 2012.

Eighty-seven per cent of production and skilled workers at GM operations in Oshawa, St. Catharines, Woodstock and Windsor, Ont., voted yesterday and Tuesday in favour of extensive concessions to their existing contracts

Savings

- The Canadian Auto Workers union estimates the concessions will reduce GM's costs by more than \$400 million over three years.

that will reduce labour costs for the teetering automaker.

GM needs significant savings in labour costs as part of a restructuring plan so it can qualify for

more than \$6 billion in loans from the federal and Ontario governments.

But Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday that his government cannot guarantee autoworkers long-term job security, even with these recent concessions.

"What assurance I can provide is that we will work as hard as we can ... together with all of our partners to maintain our share of production here in Ontario," he said.

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Business in brief

AVIATION Bombardier Inc. signed a deal yesterday to sell 30 of its new C-Series aircraft to Deutsche Lufthansa AG for about \$1.53 billion US, sending its shares up as much as 15 per cent.

HOUSING The price of new homes in Canada dropped by 0.6 per cent in January from December, producing the first year-over-year decline in more than a decade, Statistics Canada said yesterday.

JAPAN A statue of Kentucky Fried Chicken mascot Colonel Sanders was recovered this week from a Japanese river. Fans of the Hanshin Tigers baseball team tossed the statue into the Dotonbori River in 1985 when the underdogs won the Central League pennant. The team went on to win the national championship but hasn't done so again, prompting some to suggest that the statue's disappearance put a curse on them. **REUTERS**

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Vodafone, the world's largest mobile phone group by revenue, is to sell music without any anti-piracy protection in a deal that will allow users to listen to songs on any digital device. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

BANKING Bank of Montreal said yesterday it is issuing \$150 million of preferred shares in a move similar to those by other Canadian banks aimed at reinforcing capital positions. BMO said it is offering the shares at a price of \$25 each.

MICROSOFT The European Commission has extended a deadline to April 21 for Microsoft to reply to charges that the company stymied ri-

vals by bundling its Internet Explorer web browser with Windows systems.

CONTRACEPTION Female Health Co. has won U.S. approval to market its newer, less expensive female condom, which could help it win over American women as well as boost use in developing countries, the company said yesterday.

REUTERS

Chrysler threatens Canadian closures

Chrysler LLC warned yesterday that it may close its plants in Canada unless it got sufficient labour concessions, as well as government aid and resolution of a tax dispute.

Chrysler president and vice-chairperson Tom LaSorda told the House of Commons finance committee the labour costs at its Canadian plants, all inclu-

"The current (Canadian Auto Workers) agreement with GM is unacceptable and we have to break the pattern."

Tom LaSorda, Chrysler president

sive, were substantially higher than those of Asian transplants in Canada.

LaSorda also said the Canadian Auto Workers agreement reached with

General Motors Corp. over the weekend would not eliminate even half the labour cost gap with the Japanese plants operating in Canada.

"The current agreement with GM is unacceptable and we have to break the pattern," LaSorda said.

Complicating Chrysler's situation is a dispute over back taxes related to transfer pricing. LaSorda said Chrysler was asking that no further deposits be required of it until the tax authorities render a final decision. **REUTERS**

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Canada eliminated in U-20 soccer

Canada was eliminated from the 2009 CONCACAF Men's Under-20 Championship after a 2-1 loss to Costa Rica last night. With the loss it's the first time in five tries the U-20 squad will not qualify for their World Cup. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports



Vonn tops again

American Lindsey Vonn captured the women's World Cup overall skiing title for the second straight year by winning the last downhill event of the season yesterday at the World Cup finals in Sweden. The top Canadian in the race was Kelly VanderBeek of Kitchener, Ont., who finished ninth.

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Battling for a banner

University Cup berth doesn't diminish Huskies' drive to win

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Don't tell Trevor Stienburg there isn't much at stake in the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey final.

Even though his Saint Mary's Huskies already have a berth in the University Cup in Thunder Bay, Ont., along with their opponent, the New Brunswick Varsity Reds, the veteran head coach insists fans won't see slackened intensity.

"A lot of people are saying that ... But there's a championship, there's a banner involved," he said. "We've won nothing. This is our chance to win something, right now."

The Huskies and V-Reds open the best-of-three series on Friday in Fredericton, N.B., in a rematch of last year's final. Game 2 is Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Halifax Forum.

The teams have been the cream of the AUS crop for two seasons, combining for 87 wins out of 112 games. But the Huskies, seeking their first AUS championship since 2001-02 and second since 1976-77, will be out for revenge. They were swept with a pair of overtime losses in last year's final.



First-team all-star Marc Rancourt, back left, and teammates Justin Munden and Cody Thornton will lead the Saint Mary's Huskies into the AUS men's hockey final against the New Brunswick Varsity Reds starting Friday.

The Huskies have won three of four meetings with the V-Reds.

"This is a big deal to us," Stienburg said. "The players know it. It means seeding for nationals, and even moreso, it's a banner. Guys

have an opportunity to say, 'I won a championship.'

"It's big bragging rights." The series pits the conference's stingiest defensive team, the V-Reds at 2.39 goals against per

All-star Huskies

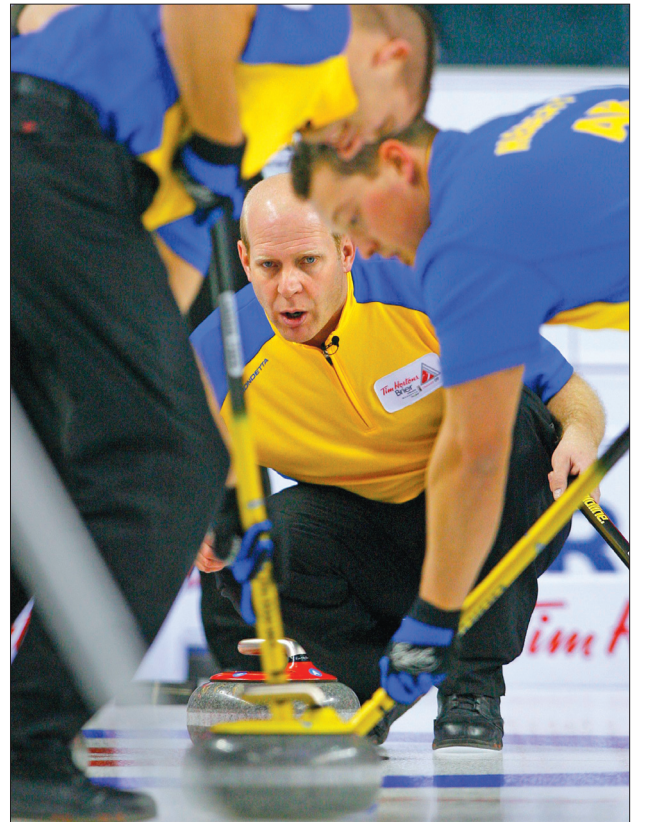
- The Saint Mary's Huskies dominate Atlantic University Sport's first-team all-star selections for men's hockey. The Huskies placed brothers Andrew and Scott Hotham on the blue-line and captain Marc Rancourt up front, as voted by the conference's eight head coaches. Rancourt, who led the conference and the national in scoring with 57 points, is a leading MVP candidate. Huskies forward Cam Ferguson made the second team.

game, against the most efficient power play, the Huskies at 28 per cent.

The V-Reds, meanwhile, are the only team in the AUS that comes even remotely close to matching the Huskies' scoring prowess. Both teams average almost five goals per games.

"We've got to be able to contain these guys," Stienburg said.

"These guys have gotten away on us at times. They're a tough team to handle. Everybody's going to have to play well, but we have the ability to beat these guys."



Alberta skip Kevin Martin watches a rock come in during play against Northern Ontario yesterday.

A mighty one falls

CURLING One of the favourites has finally fallen at the Brier. Ontario's Glen Howard lost 8-5 to Quebec's Jean-Michel Menard at the Canadian men's curling championship at Pengrowth Saddledome in Calgary yesterday afternoon.

Howard, who won national and world championships in 2007, had started the event with eight straight wins.

Alberta's Kevin Martin, the defending national and world champ, was putting his 8-0 record — and a 21-game Brier winning streak — on the line last night against Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton. The score was not available at press time.

Mayflower's Mark Dacey had fallen to 2-6 entering last night's matchup with Saskatchewan's Joel Jordison. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Pocklington arrested in U.S.

NEWS Former Edmonton Oilers owner Peter Pocklington was arrested at his California home yesterday for allegedly concealing assets during bankruptcy proceedings. In an indictment, Pocklington is charged with making false statements in bankruptcy and making false oaths and accounts in bankruptcy. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in U.S. federal prison. Pocklington is best remembered for brokering the Wayne Gretzky trade to the Los Angeles Kings in 1988. He was to appear in court yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Across^{the} Atlantic



The best of the Atlantic

Metro polled experts from the Q to get real story

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Metro Halifax has determined the best and worst of the QMJHL's Atlantic Division in 36 categories, and will release 12 categories per day in a three-part series this week.

Today is our third and final instalment. We polled the hockey operations staffs for all six teams in the division to determine the results, awarding three points

On the web

Full voting results:

- The full voting for today's categories will be made available on Matthew Wuest's Q Files blog at noon today. Check it out on our website at www.metronews.ca/qfiles.

to category winners and one point to runners-up.

To eliminate bias, participants polled were not permitted to vote for players on their own teams.

Best Offensive D-Man

Mark Barberio, Moncton

The Tampa Bay Lightning draftee quarterbacks Moncton's power play, which converts at a 23 per cent clip.

RUNNER-UP: Simon Despres (Saint John).



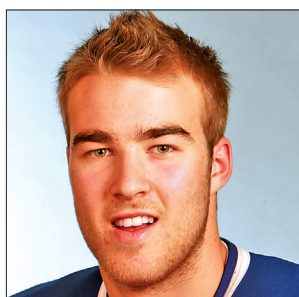
Mark Barberio

Best Defensive D-Man

David Savard, Moncton

No team is better defensively than the Wildcats, and this 18-year-old is the club's main shut-down blue-liner.

RUNNER-UP: Yann Sauve (Saint John).



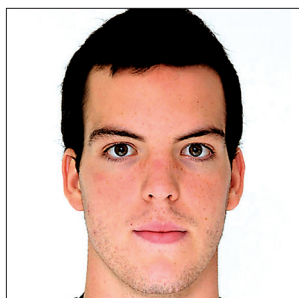
David Savard

Best Overall D-Man

Simon Despres, Saint John

Winning this category is a nice accomplishment for anybody, but when it's a 17-year-old, it's remarkable.

RUNNER-UP: Mark Barberio (Moncton).



Simon Despres

Hardest Hitter

Zach Sill, Moncton

The 6-foot, 200-pounder from Stewiacke is the league's top-hitting forward. Opponents brace themselves when Sill is on the ice because of his intimidating presence.

RUNNER-UP: Scott Brannon (Moncton).

Best Defensive Forward

Zach Sill, Moncton

The former Cole Harbour McCain captain suffocates top lines.

RUNNER-UP (TIE): Chris

Culligan (Cape Breton) and Eric Faille (Bathurst).

Hardest Worker

Zach Sill, Moncton

Sill shows up every night with his hard hat and lunch pail.

RUNNER-UP (TIE): Chris

Culligan (Cape Breton) and Michael Kirkpatrick (Saint John).

Dirtiest Player

Zach Sill, Moncton

When you're as feared as Sill, sometimes you break the rules.

RUNNER-UP: Four-way tie.

Biggest Pest

Michael Stinziani, Cape Breton

Listed generously at 5-foot-9, Stinziani is an agitator.

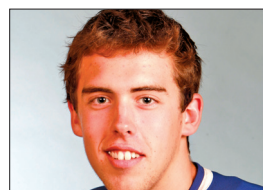
RUNNER-UP: Simon Olsson (P.E.I.).

Most Exciting to Watch and Most Wanted

Brandon Gormley, Moncton

Gormley has the potential to be a great NHLer, a smooth-skating puck-rushing blue-liner with a dynamic flair.

RUNNER-UP: Four-way tie.



Brandon Gormley

Brandon Gormley, Moncton

The Wildcats are building around Gormley. But if they decided to trade him, every team would want him.

RUNNER-UP: Olivier Roy (Cape Breton).

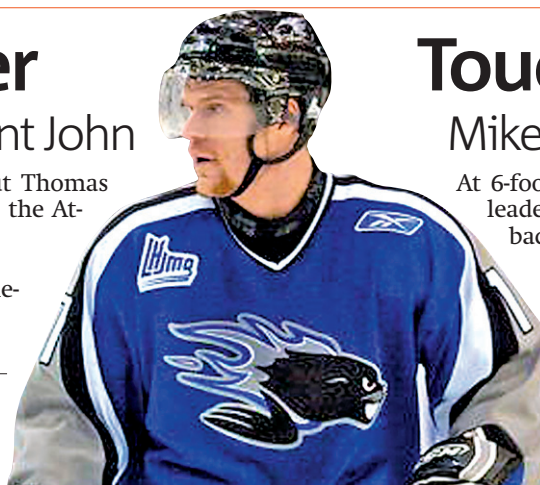
Best Fighter

Mike Thomas, Saint John

Fighters are a dying breed, but Thomas packs a heavy punch and leads the Atlantic in penalty minutes.

RUNNER-UP (TIE): Olivier Dame-Malka (Bathurst) and Brendan Wright (P.E.I.).

According to experts from around the QMJHL, Saint John's Mike Thomas is not the type of guy you want to make angry.



Toughest Player

Mike Thomas, Saint John

At 6-foot-1 and 185 pounds, he's a league leader in fighting majors and doesn't back down from anyone.

RUNNER-UP: Zach Sill (Moncton).

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Hammonds Plains native tied atop rookie scoring list

Brad Marchand has moved to the top of the AHL rookie scoring race.

The Providence Bruins forward has 50 points in 65 games. **METRO HALIFAX****sports 13**

Ben Duffy of the P.E.I. Rocket celebrates his goal against the Halifax Mooseheads last night.

Playoff hopes dim for Mooseheads

Loss means team no longer controls its own fate

MATTHEW WUEST

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So much for being in control of their own fate.

In the Halifax Mooseheads' biggest game of the QMJHL season, everything that could go wrong did go wrong in a 7-5 loss to the P.E.I. Rocket last night in Charlottetown.

The Rocket, starting backup goalie Evan Moshier in a game that meant little to the 13th-place club, scored at will, receiving five goals and nine assists from the line of Simon Olsson, Joel Champagne and Benjamin Casavant.

The Mooseheads, who were hoping to close the season on a four-game winning streak starting last night, can now miss the playoffs even if they win all three remaining games.

The loss squandered a 46-shot effort that tied a season high and their 12th five-goal output of the campaign.

Playoff race

Here's a look at the QMJHL playoff race. The bottom two teams don't qualify.

	Pts	Games left
Val-d'Or	46	2
Lewiston	46	2
Halifax	43	3

"We generated a lot of scoring chances, but defensively, it wasn't our best game," said Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell. "First couple of goals were lucky bounces, but we've got to do a better job of clearing pucks and stopping pucks."

The last-place Mooseheads trailed by just one goal twice in the third period, but forward Stuart Lenehan of Dartmouth iced it for P.E.I. with a breakaway marker at 9:52.

Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy also scored for the Rocket.

Goalie Mark Yetman was pulled after five goals on

22 shots through a period and a half. Blue-liner Gabriel O'Connor went a minus-6 to drop to a Q-worst minus-37.

Leading scorer Tomas Knotek shook off a six-game goal-less drought by scoring twice, while Gabriel Desjardins, Alexis Piette and Graham Bona netted singles.

The Mooseheads trail the Val-d'Or Foreurs and Lewiston Maineiacs by three points in the QMJHL standings.

Both teams have two games remaining, and a number of scenarios can sink Halifax's playoff bid. For example, if the Maineiacs manage a 1-0-1 record, the Mooseheads are toast.

The Mooseheads, who are at risk of recording the lowest point total in franchise history, return home for games Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. against the Saint John Sea Dogs and Sunday at 4 p.m. against the Bathurst Titan.

Rainmen gain a home game to end season

BASKETBALL The Halifax Rainmen have gained a home game.

The Rainmen's cancelled road contest with the Montreal Sasquatch on Feb. 27 was rescheduled yesterday for Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at the Metro Centre. It will be Halifax's final game

of the Premier Basketball League season.

Season-ticket holders will receive free tickets for the game.

The original contest was cancelled because Montreal's gym did not meet the PBL's minimum requirements.

The Rainmen also host the Sasquatch on Saturday, March 28.

The Rainmen, 9-7, are in action this weekend, visiting the woeful Buffalo Stampede on Saturday as they renew their quest for a wildcard spot in the PBL playoffs. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Tivoli Radio

Tivoli Audio released its Spring 2009 collection recently, which included the NetWorks radio — a radio that is capable of playing any station in the world through an Internet connection. See Tivoliaudio.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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RENOVATION With news of job losses seeming to dominate the headlines, it's refreshing to hear contractor Jim Baird describe his working life as "busier than ever."

The owner and operator of First Place Renovations, based near Ottawa, has home renovation jobs — both big and small scale — booked well into July.

He says popular TV shows that highlight the importance of hiring a skilled contractor to take on important reno jobs certainly don't hurt. But he thinks one of the main reasons for his

flourishing business is that people understand, more now than ever, the need to invest money in their homes wisely.

"A good renovation job can certainly expand and increase the value of a property," says Baird.

"Between the costs of paying agents, moving expenses, lawyers fees and taxes, people recognize it's sometimes more economical to spend that money on the home they already have."

Baird says home renovation contracting is a growing field, and a survey conducted by RBC in late 2008 would seem to support that claim.

According to the survey, many Canadians surveyed

said they planned to renovate within the next two years. And 75 per cent said if their homes were in need of major repairs, they'd rather renovate than sell and move.

Baird says the average cost of the renovations he works on are between \$20,000 and \$30,000 and that he's seen an increase in demand for expanded living space, such as additions and finished basements.

Respondents in the RBC survey also noted a desire for expanded living space, as well as more accessible spaces for an aging population, and more than three-quarters would choose an environmentally friendly

approach to renovations.

Rob Rutledge of Ottawa's HomeEcology — a business that focuses on energy audits, efficient heating and cooling, as well as "green" renos — says there are many ways to minimize energy use, material use and waste when it comes to renovating a home.

He says young families seem especially interested in green renovations.

"The demand for green, efficient products and services is growing faster than we expected," explains Rutledge.

"People are figuring out that being green is good for their health, their pocket book and the environment."

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Home decor need not suffer with kids

HomeScape

Sylvia Putz

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When children arrive on the scene, does stylish home decor have to die?

Some parents think so; they are resigned to concentrating only on making their homes child-friendly and delay their plans to spruce up their decor until the kids leave. Or they buy homely and inexpensive furniture so whatever damage the children inflict, they could not possibly make them uglier.

But why live like a savage for a decade or possibly longer? To be sure, your family home needs to be child-friendly, so children know they are treasured members of the household. But at the same time, your home is also for you. It should be both joyful in its role as the centre of a busy family life, but also capable of soothing those jangled adult nerves with beauty, grace and style.

The most visible killer of stylish home decor is too many toys. I know families with toys that number in the hundreds. Reflect on how many toys your children actually play with on a regular basis and downsize.

Keep in mind that the roster of toys will be ever-changing, as your child grows older, so keep the collection trimmed down. Instead, consider setting up a toy exchange with neighbours and friends to keep the toy collection novel, rather than keeping a huge collection of toys, some of which the children will probably outgrow before you can even read the assembly instructions.

When you've whittled the collection down to a manageable size, establish a place for the toys, such as a stylish chest or bureau. Some people take the approach of keeping toys in the playroom, or the child's bedroom. But toys creep, so I think a better approach might be to provide a neat container (perhaps a stylish ottoman) for



Though it may be a trial, your decor can survive when you have children if you follow some rules.

a few toys in different rooms in the house.

And teach your children to put things away. Easier said than done, I know. But kindergarten classroom teachers do it, and so can you. Use labels with words or pictures so they will know precisely what should go where. And be prepared to enforce the rule.

For flooring or upholstery fabric, keep in mind the golden rule that dark colours and splotchy patterns hide dirt. Make your life easier by choosing these kinds of patterns or colours. And go for scatter rugs on hard flooring, because cleanups are easier and replacing rugs is much less expensive than replacing wall-to-wall carpeting.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in decor and design. She's written for the TV show *Arresting Design*; sputz@arrestingdesign.com.

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Style

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The best of...

Paris Fashion Week was a burst of creativity. Here are some of the highlights



Alexander McQueen

McQueen kicked up his flamboyant showmanship ump-teen notches in a series of exaggerated looks that were equal parts vintage couture, drag ball and Japanese horror film. The electrifying collection featured exquisitely constructed gowns in bold shapes and hues that rebel against the down economy.

—KENYA HUNT/METRO WORLD NEWS

Yves Saint Laurent

Stefano Pilati's cool, empowered fall collection shifted away from the hyper-feminine. Its monotone palette highlights each garment's anything but boring design details.

—KENYA HUNT

Manish Arora

Glittery tiger heads appeared as three dimensional shoulder accents on the opening dress, while graphic print dresses featured flying dolphins. And that's barely scratching the surface. His colors — emerald green, violet, hot pink, yellow, brown and black — were equally as eye-popping. It was fantastical and fun.

—KENYA HUNT

Red is the new black

As the fall/winter 2009 Paris collections unfold, black continues its death grip on the runways, from the outrageous puffy black gowns at Junya Watanabe to the dark elegant suits at Lanvin and the black rocker dresses at Balmain. But there is a whisper of hope that red may be positioning itself for a comeback. Red, the symbolic colour of economic failure, is bleeding through the ubiquitous black. You have to look very closely, but it's there.

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Celebs model red dresses for Heart Truth fundraiser

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Nothing gets the heart pounding quite like a gorgeous woman in a stunning red dress.

And next Tuesday (March 17), that's exactly what the Heart and Stroke Foundation is banking on with their second annual Heart Truth Fashion Show.

On day two of Toronto's LG Fashion Week, the catwalk will turn into a platform for raising awareness of heart disease and stroke in women.

Once again featured models for the Heart Truth will be Canadian celebs. This year's lineup includes Kreesha Turner, Sass Jordan and Olympic skater Elizabeth Manley, all of whom will be channeling their very best Jessica Rabbit as they flaunt a sexy red dress, the official symbol of the Heart Truth campaign.

Each dress will be one of 22 original creations by Canadian designers including Andy Thé-Anh, Joeffer

Caoc and Pink and Tar-tan.

Erin Karpluk, star of CBC's Being Erica, will be one of the celebs walking the runway for the first time. She said the campaign has already helped debunk some of her own misconceptions about heart disease.

"I learned that one in three women die of heart disease, which I was just floored by," Karpluk said. "Until then I thought 'Oh, I'm a small girl, I have low blood pressure. I don't have to worry.'"

Karpluk will be dressed by Montreal-based designer Eugenia Leavitt, who's created a silk dress in fire-engine red with gold beading and intricate feather detailing.

"I wanted to make it really a one of a kind dress," Leavitt said. "Just to show a woman... sending a message and being very strong."



Karpluk

Upcoming

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Fresh

A whole head of cabbage will keep for a week or longer stored unwashed in the refrigerator. Remove the outer leaves and rinse just before slicing.

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Irish spirit

Since only one quarter of me can trace itself back to the Emerald Isle my Irish eyes usually just smile when a new U2 album gets released and on Saint Patrick's Day.

I can't imagine that any Irishman would disagree that his homeland's liquid lord is Guinness Stout: A tall, dark beauty that offers a flavour that's both dense and delicious.

More than two million pints will be poured in Canadian pubs next Tuesday — maybe more considering it's the ale's 250th anniversary.

At home you can still drink like you're in Dublin thanks to Guinness' innovative Pub Draught (\$11.25 - \$11.95). Each can in this 4-pack has a capsule inside filled with a blend of nitrogen and beer that gives the brew a thick, creamy head which pretty much equals the on-tap option.

If you're looking to celebrate with something a little bit stiffer try a glass of Jameson Irish Whiskey (\$29.95 - \$29.99): A smooth, triple-distilled grain spirit that's great on the rocks or mixed with ginger ale, cola or apple juice. Sláinte Mhaith.

Prices reflect the range across the country.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Cabbages: Head of the class

À la carte

Barb Holland



metronews.ca/alacarte

Economical and versatile, this humble winter storage vegetable stretches a long way. Whether green, red or savoy, this member of the Brassica family is related to kale, broccoli and cauliflower.

Green is the most common type of cabbage and popular for its crunchiness and mild flavour (except when overcooked). Red cabbage takes longer to mature than green cabbage, so they usually aren't quite as tender. The colour of red cabbage can run when cooked and take on a bluish tinge. To prevent this, cook with a bit of lemon juice or vinegar. The leaves of a Savoy cabbage are looser and



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more crinkled than regular cabbage and have a more tender texture. The flavour is milder and sweeter.

Colcannon or Bubble and Squeak

In Ireland it is called colcannon; in Britain, bubble and squeak for the sound

it makes as it cooks. Whatever the name, it was a customary way to use up vegetables left over from Sunday dinner. Good with corned beef, ham or sausages, the amounts can vary to suit your leftovers or taste. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 2 to 3 cups (500 to 750 ml) cooked green cabbage
- 2 to 3 cups (500 to 750 ml) mashed potatoes
- Salt and pepper

METHOD:

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onions and cook until softened, a few minutes. Add cabbage and toss with spoon to combine with cabbage and onions. Season to taste with salt and pepper and cook until heated through, 5 to 10 minutes.

Cabbage Tips:

- To slice cabbage, cut head into quarters, remove core and slice with a sharp chef's knife, a mandoline or food processor fitted with a slicing disc.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Riding the Recession

Meals for a steal

Hellas Family Restaurant
664 Sackville Drive
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865-1480

When it comes to Lower Sackville eateries, Hellas Family Restaurant takes a back seat to no one. Celebrating its 40th anniversary in business this year, the family restaurant offers a diner-style environment and, more importantly, sizeable portions at very affordable prices. You won't find anything on the menu over \$15, with the speciality being everything seafood. Hellas is most famous for its fish and chips which you can get two large pieces of with fries and coleslaw for only \$8.75.

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Canadian Living recipe of the month

Pasta with Green Beans, Potatoes and Pesto

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 oz (250 g) green beans, halved crosswise
- 10 oz (300 g) penne rigate pasta
- 10 oz (300 g) mini red-skinned potatoes, scrubbed and quartered
- Pesto:**
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) toasted pine nuts
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped

- 1 cup (250 ml) packed fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- Pinch pepper

METHOD:

In large pot of boiling salted water, cook green beans until tender-crisp, about 4 minutes. With slotted spoon, transfer to bowl.

In same pot of boiling

water, cook pasta until al dente, about 10 minutes. Drain and return to pot, reserving 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the cooking liquid.

Meanwhile, in separate saucepan of boiling salted water, cover and cook potatoes until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain well.

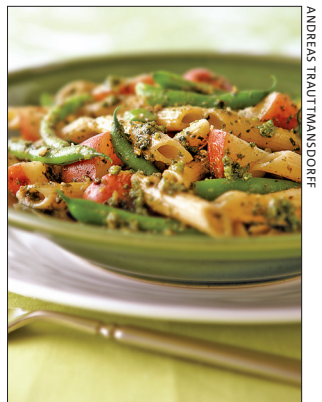
Pesto: Meanwhile, in food processor, pulse together pine nuts, Parmesan cheese and garlic until

smooth. Add basil, oil, salt and pepper; pulse until smooth. Add to pasta.

Add green beans, potatoes and reserved cooking liquid; stir to coat.

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Lethal Weapon 5 will not be made. Plans for a new instalment in the franchise have been axed, reportedly because original star Mel Gibson didn't want to return to the movies, supposedly because previous director Richard Donner would not be behind the camera. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](#)

Entertainment

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Black Star

She has already debuted her fashion line and now Avril Lavigne is set to launch her own fragrance, Black Star. The singer signed a deal with Procter and Gamble to produce a range of toiletries. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](#)

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Idol makes radio-friendly return

Kelly Clarkson
Album: All I Ever Wanted
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ●●●½

KELLY CLARKSON HAD the nerve on her 2007 album, My December, to buck the industry experts (read Clive Davis) by making a record dominated by her own darkly edged songs. Like a self-fulfilling prophecy, the album tanked. Well, Kelly learned her lesson and she's back with a team of A-list producers and writers (including Katy Perry and American Idol judge Kara Dioguardi) for her fourth album, All I Ever Wanted. Every song is radio-ready, a smash single waiting to happen. The



opening track, My Life Would Suck Without You, is nothing but Since You've Been Gone with different lyrics. Kelly is defiant in I Do Not Hook Up, vulnerable on Cry, in control on Don't Let Me Stop You and angry on Whyya-wannabringmedown.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Chris Cornell
Album: Scream
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●½

CHRIS CORNELL HAS been making music for about two decades, but his new album, Scream, reaches a milestone that he's managed to avoid — he's finally created one of



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All I Ever Wanted is the new album from Kelly Clarkson.

the worst albums of the year. Why in God's name would he team up with Nelly Furtado-producer Timbaland is anyone's guess. The result is a schizophrenic record of electro-beats, dance-club melodies, and

the occasional rap — genres the former Soundgarden signer should stay far away from. If anything this is more of a Timbaland disc featuring Cornell than it is the other way around.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Julie Doiron
Album: I Can Wonder What you Did With Your Day
Label: Endearing Records/Fontana North
Rating: ●●●●

JULIE DOIRON RETURNS to her electric roots with ex-Eric's Trip band-mate Rick White handling bass and production duties while Fred Squire (Calm Down It's Monday) handles drums. Heavily distorted electric guitar and bass bring a sense of foreboding to Doiron's strangely upbeat lyrics and childlike melodies, especially on standout tracks like Spill Yer Lungs, Heavy Snow and Consolation Prize. Yet



MusicReviews

when left to herself like on opening track, The Life of Dreams, or the closer, Glad To Be Alive, Doiron's minimalism is simply silly. Minimalism shouldn't necessarily be equated with art. Sometimes its just childlike.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

On the web

There's more online at [metronews.ca/music](#):

- we review new music from Josh Reichmann Oracle Band, Razorlight & Hamsome Furs
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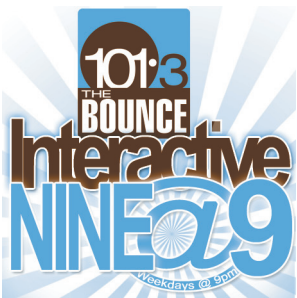
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Eleventh Hour
Dr. Hood (Rufus Sewell) probably would settle for a little help from the Mode magazine peeps from "Ugly Betty" as he investigates a series of homicidal outbursts by people with no previous history of violence during Fashion Week in New York. Marley Shelton also stars in the new episode "Olfactus." 10 PM on ASN; 11:01 PM on CBS



Doc Zone
We know that teachers learn as much from their students as the students learn from them. And that also applies when the students aren't human. The new documentary "Wild Horse Redemption" follows inmates at a Colorado prison through a unique program in which they train wild mustangs. 8 PM on CBC

ShowBusiness: The Road to Broadway
If you have — or know someone who has — dreams of Broadway stardom, you need to watch this 2005 documentary from Dori Berinstein. She follows the fortunes of four productions from the 2004 Broadway season from the audition and rehearsal stage through the Tony Awards, where some fared better than others. It offers a fascinating peek behind the scenes and a bitter reminder that there are more misses than hits on the road to the Great White Wav. 10 PM on BRAVO



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Jackson to add U.K. concerts after sellout

Michael Jackson will add more shows to the 10 London concerts already announced this summer as his comeback to live music, organizers said yesterday.

The 50-year-old singer has been a virtual recluse since his acquittal on child abuse charges in a 2005 trial, his last full set of live concerts was 12 years ago and he has not recorded an album of new music since *Invincible* in 2001.

Last week he announced his long-awaited comeback at London's O2 Arena, where he plans a Las Vegas-style "residency" with a series of 10 concerts beginning on July 8.

"The pre-sale 10 shows at The O2 that went on sale this morning at 7 a.m. have already sold out," said Outside Organisation, the PR company repre-

sented by promoter AEG Live.

"Due to the incredible level of interest, Michael Jackson has allowed AEG Live to add extra shows."

It was not immediately clear how many concerts would be added. The website of music magazine *Rolling Stone* reported 12 extra

"The pre-sale 10 shows at The O2 that went on sale this morning ... have already sold out."

PR company representing AEG Live

concerts had been booked.

AEG Live said last week it may extend Jackson's London series and launch gigs elsewhere in the world if the demand was there.

Jackson is still the "King of Pop" to his legions of fans despite his sometimes bizarre behavior and appearance in recent years. He has sold around 750 million records, won 13 Grammys and is regarded as one of the biggest pop acts of all time.

Organizers said fans should log on to website michaeljacksonlive.com for information on the additional shows. **REUTERS**



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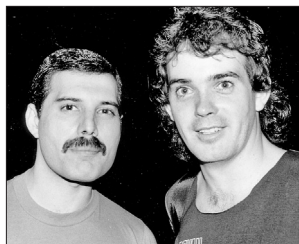
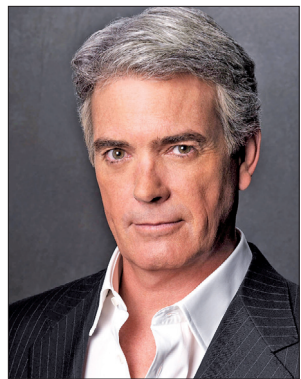
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Sorcery star

Ugly Betty alum Rebecca Romijn has lined up a pretty cool new role, playing the lead sorceress in ABC's *Eastwick* pilot. It is based on the John Updike novel and the 1987 film *The Witches of Eastwick*. TVGUIDE.COM



Roberts, above, with Queen's Freddie Mercury during his days at MuchMusic and, left, in his current role as host of CNN's *American Morning*.

CNN's John Roberts honoured

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From the fury of hurricane Katrina to the chaos of Iraq to the pulse-pounding energy of Live Aid — John Roberts has seen it all.

The co-anchor of CNN's *American Morning* and

Toronto native will be lauded for his work today at Canadian Music Week.

The veteran broadcaster of 34 years will be inducted into the Broadcast Industry Hall of Fame during the Canadian Music Industry Awards Gala. Roberts looks back fondly on his compar-

atively peaceful home and native land. "I miss my family and Canada's wide open spaces," says Roberts.

"I suffered a bit of culture shock when I first started working in the U.S. It gets said down here that Canadians are a kind of decaffeinated American.

Things can move much faster, especially in New York where I am."

Canadians may recognize Roberts, 52, from his days as host of *Canada AM* from 1990 to 1992 and as a co-host of *MuchMusic's The New Music* from 1979 to 1985.

HBO apologizes to Mormons

TELEVISION HBO, the network behind polygamy drama *Big Love* has apologized for any offense to Mormons in a depiction of a sacred ritual but made clear it would air the controversial episode as planned.

The HBO network's program about a non-Mormon polygamous family has stirred up a hornet's nest of complaints over an episode to be broadcast Sunday showing its version of an endowment ceremony within a Mormon temple. It is thought to be the first time the ritual, in which participants move to a higher level of understanding of their religion, will be shown on TV.

MTV focuses on scripted comedy

TELEVISION MTV's next target: scripted comedy. The network is developing an unprecedented number of scripted projects, including an animated series and five pilots.

"We're going to apply the same tenets of creativity and genre-busting to scripted comedy that *Laguna Beach* used to make over the documentary," MTV head of programming Tony DiSanto said.

"It makes sense as a progression for us when a lot of our shows like *Run's House* and *The Hills* look scripted to start going forward with actual scripted shows."

CBC set to pick up comedy 18 to Life

TELEVISION The CBC will pick up single-camera comedy *18 to Life* even with pilot partner ABC out of the picture. The Montreal-set sitcom, from indie producer Galafilm, portrays 18-year-old neighbors, played by Stacey Farber and Michael Seater, who get married on a dare only to face criticism from their parents and friends.

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Hogan turns to court for money
Hulk Hogan's lawyers have asked a judge to grant the former wrestler access to \$300,000 of his assets that were frozen while his pending divorce is resolved. Hogan claims surgery he had last month will keep him from working for a time. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Something leaking in Kelly's shower

HABITS Kelly Clarkson pees in the shower, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer always urinates while she is washing, and insists it is not a dirty habit. Asked if she had ever been tempted to urinate while washing, she said: "Anybody who says they don't is lying." Clarkson's unusual shower routine is not the only dirty habit she admits to. The 26-year-old star



always checks tissues after she has sneezed into them, because she is curious to see what is coming out of her nose.

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Halliwell calls off wedding: Source

ENGAGEMENT Mere months after announcing her engagement to shipping tycoon Fabrizio Politi, Geri Halliwell is calling the whole thing off, according to the Sun. According to a source, the former Spice Girl "woke up one morning last week and decided she just wasn't the marrying type." Politi and Halliwell met in December, and he proposed one week later. "Fabrizio is upset but totally respects Geri's wishes," the source says. "Her friends are not surprised."

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Amy willing to give it all up for 'Blakey'

RELATIONSHIP Amy Winehouse is ready to quit music to reunite with husband Blake Fielder-Civil, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer is prepared to do whatever it takes to win back ex-convict Blake — who started divorce proceedings while in prison after seeing Amy romantically linked to other men while holidaying in the Caribbean — and would even walk away from her successful singing career.

Writing on her page on social networking website Facebook, she wrote: "Amy would chuck it all in for 'im indoors."

She swiftly followed it with another message, say-

ing: "Nothing is worth as much as Blake."

Friends of the troubled 26-year-old star replied urging her to move on from Blake, who recently moved his 17-year-old rumoured girlfriend

Francesca Morralee into his London home.

One wrote: "He ain't worth it."

In a heart-rending final note, Amy said: "Where's my oblivious Blakey boy?"

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Brand's busy schedule in way of pirate role

FILM Russell Brand is "too busy" to appear in Pirates of the Caribbean 4, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The British comedian was rumoured to be in negotiations to appear in the swashbuckling movie sequel as a brother of Johnny Depp's character, Captain Jack Sparrow, but fears he may miss out as his schedule is so packed.

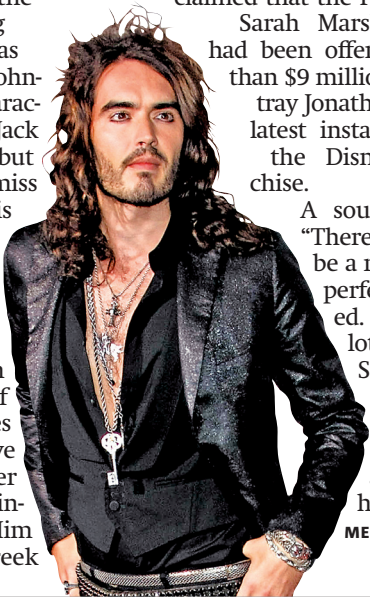
Brand told Access Hollywood: "There's been some talk of doing a Pirates movie. But, I've got eight other things to do including Get Him To The Greek

with Judd Apatow. So I don't know if there'll be time to be a pirate, I've got enough of that in my private life. I think it's a possibility but I am rather busy."

It had previously been claimed that the Forgetting Sarah Marshall star had been offered more than \$9 million to portray Jonathan in the latest instalment of the Disney franchise.

A source said: "There couldn't be a role more perfectly suited. There's a lot of Jack Sparrow in his mannerisms and behaviour."

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Miller dishes on girl fight in film

ACTION Sienna Miller has a "really good girl fight" in G.I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Edge of Love star says she relished the chance to grapple with her co-star Rachel Nicols for her favourite scene in the action movie, despite both actresses sustaining injuries as they prepared for the physical challenge. She said: "There's a really, really good girl fight between Rachel Nichols and myself. It's like a proper, violent girl-fight scene. ...We both got hurt. I'm clumsy, so I slipped on a rubber bullet at one point and sprained my wrist quite badly."

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Diddy stands by 'friendly' gesture

FRIENDS Sean (Diddy) Combs says he was only being "a friend" when he invited Chris Brown and Rihanna to stay at his Miami home nearly three weeks after the 19-year-old singer allegedly battered his girlfriend, 21, usamagazine.com reports.

"I don't cast a judgment on anybody," Combs said on Tuesday's Ellen DeGeneres Show. "It's a dark time for them, and I'm there for support."

DeGeneres told him she didn't want any girl out there thinking it's OK to go back to a guy who abused her.

"I don't think it's right for anybody to hit anybody," Combs replied. "We

know sometimes relationships get ugly ... we don't know exactly what's going on (with them)."

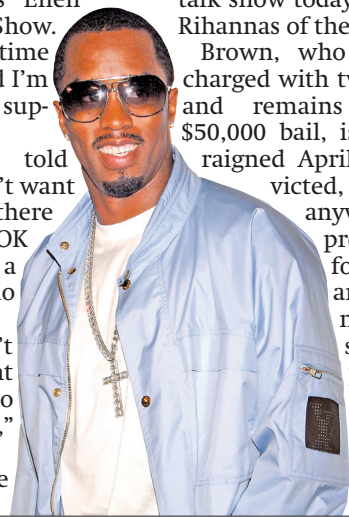
Added their pal, "We need to pray for them, and we need to do things to support them."

Oprah Winfrey has also reached out to the couple. She is dedicating her live talk show today to "all the Rihannas of the world."

Brown, who has been charged with two felonies and remains free on \$50,000 bail, is to be arraigned April 6. If convicted, he faces

anywhere from probation to four years and eight months in state prison.

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Lohan drama at club?

INCIDENT Lindsay Lohan was abandoned by girlfriend Samantha Ronson in Las Vegas, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

The actress had planned to surprise her DJ lover with a romantic night in a hotel after she finished her set at Prive nightclub but was enraged when Ronson left the club without her.

She reportedly screamed: "I can't believe that f—king b—h left me!"

After driving from their home in Los Angeles earlier that evening, Ronson had planned to go to the club alone and was

believed to be furious when Lindsay showed up at 1 a.m.

A source said: "The two started to argue and hide in the DJ booth. While she was in the booth, Lindsay ducked down, popped up a few seconds later, and began dancing wildly."

Following her set, 31-year-old Ronson left the club at 3 a.m. and got into her Porsche. She drove alone as 22-year-old Lohan looked on from the roadside.

Evidently outraged, Lohan jumped into her black Mercedes and sped off in the direction of her girlfriend's vehicle.

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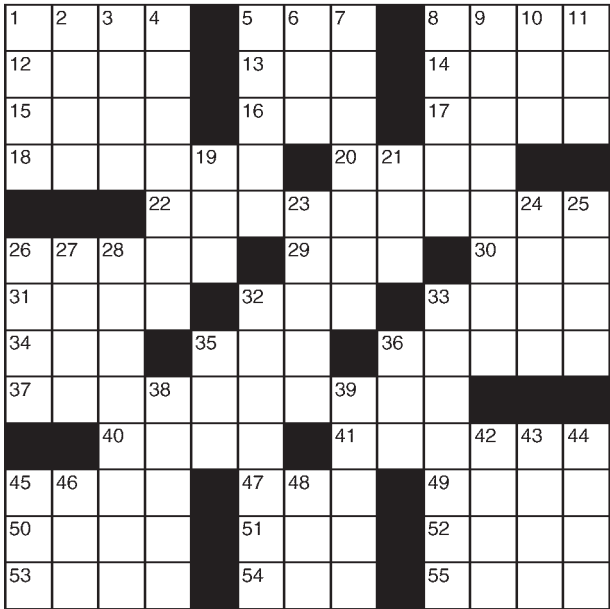


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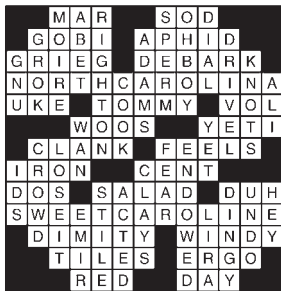
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| 8 Satiated | 34 Acapulco gold? |
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| 13 Killer whale | 36 Language of Iran |
| 14 Possess | 37 Exactly right |
| 15 Hideaway | 40 The Music Man locale |
| 16 Harry's successor | 41 Make bubbly |
| 17 Terrible fellow? | 45 Isinglass |
| 18 Football team | 47 Back talk |
| 20 Baseball team | 49 Concept |
| 22 Placing first, second, or third | 50 Stench |
| 26 Jobs in technology? | 51 Lamb's mama |
| 29 Mound stat | 52 Pub missile |
| 30 Decorate Easter eggs | 53 Frogs' hangout |
| 31 Dorothy's destination | 54 "Mayday!" |
| | 55 Messes up |

Crossword down

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| 1 Look lecherously | 25 Himalayan beast |
| 2 Two-way | 26 "Scat!" |
| 3 One of HOMES | 27 Ripped |
| 4 Last | 28 Smiley in an email, e.g. |
| 5 Hunting dogs do it | 32 Cows and sows |
| 6 Evan Almighty construction | 33 Rural outing |
| 7 Landscapes | 35 Morning moisture |
| 8 Pants material | 36 Doctor's due |
| 9 Pale purple | 38 Stockpile |
| 10 Eggs | 39 Scruffs |
| 11 Longing | 42 Hebrew month |
| 19 Compass dir. | 43 Yukon, for ex. |
| 21 "— Little Teapot" | 44 Corrodes |
| 23 Greeting | 45 Swab the deck |
| 24 Nestling hawk | 46 Altar affirmative |
| | 48 — Jima |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	Genius	
13-17 min.....	Scholar	
	21-25 min	Not bad
	25+ min.....	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Marsala Chicken with Fennel

INGREDIENTS:

1 chicken, about 3 lbs (1.35 kg), cut into pieces
2 tbsp (25 ml) all-purpose flour
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 large leek, chopped
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped parsley
1 tsp (5 ml) fennel seeds
6 tablespoons (90 ml) Marsala wine
2 cups (500 ml) chicken stock
2 medium fennel bulbs, trimmed and cut into chunks
2 cups (500 ml) shelled fresh or frozen peas
Fresh juice of 1 lemon
1 large egg, lightly beaten
Salt and black pepper
Chopped parsley
Lemon zest shreds

METHOD:

1. Remove skin from chicken pieces. Season flour with salt and pepper to taste. Dust flour over chicken.
2. Heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add leek, parsley, and fennel seeds and sauté 5 minutes until leek is soft, stirring frequently. Remove from pan; set aside.
3. Heat remaining 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil in frying pan. Add chicken and sauté until just golden, 6 to 7 min-

utes. Remove chicken and set aside. Pour in Marsala and boil until reduced to about 2 tbsp (25 ml) of glaze. Pour in stock, and return leek mixture and dark meat chicken pieces and wings to the pan. Add fennel. Cover and simmer over low heat 10 to 15 minutes. Add chicken breasts and simmer, covered, 15 minutes or until all chicken pieces are tender and juices run clear when thickest part is pierced. Add peas for last 5 minutes of cooking.
4. Transfer chicken pieces and vegetables to serving bowl; keep warm.
5. In small bowl, mix lemon juice into egg. Slowly add 4 tbsp (60 mL) hot cooking liquid to lemon and egg mixture, stirring. Slowly stir back into liquid in frying pan. Return chicken and vegetables to pan and warm through, on very low heat so sauce does not curdle. Season to taste and garnish with parsley and shreds of lemon zest.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Preferring one person over another leads to tears. You'll hear about scandalous behaviour. You'll get practical help.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A villain's laughter is unsuitable. You'll see that someone is very wrong. A split decision causes an upset.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

You can't change an offender's ways. A compromise has you grasping for faster results. Focus on a clever person's information.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Someone isn't being clear about self-indulgent lies. Stop reproaching yourself for a bad experience. It's impossible to refuse an admired friend.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

The cost of an agreement is too high. A dreadful drama is created by human nature. Take care with a troublemaker.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

A wrongdoer reaches the breaking point. A reckless guy takes a playmate away. Speak gallantly in a pointless debate.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Don't talk about any secret sorrows. Your respect for a bad-mannered person is startling. Friends will fail to make contact.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Don't get caught having second thoughts. Benevolence will inspire agreement. Heed the warnings of a common theory.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Someone can read your mind. A mystical event won't be acceptable. A complainer forces you to make a decision.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

A call can make a difference. Make the first move with a shy person. Relax by avoiding a hopeless problem.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

A flippant female insists on going her own way. An uncertain person will cause conflict. Don't expect a problem to come out in the open.



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- One who rouses a cake cook from sleep (2)
- Hair tool made of a bumper coating (1)
- Moon-based Oklahoma athlete (2)
- Shoots water guns at minis or tutus (1)
- Disco dance brawn (2)
- Armed robberies' farm trucks (2)

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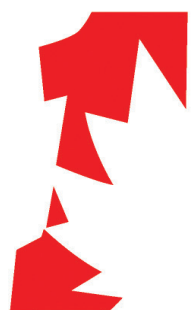
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